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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated December 6, 2006, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on March 6, 2007, and for which a Request for Extension of Time for one month is being filed concurrently herewith, setting the period for response to expire on April 6, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.